In response to your support to the assault weapons ban is that my concern is mostly about ignoring the Constitution. Were not talking about hunting were talking about protection of my family and my country. Let me state I myself do not have what you call a assault weapon(sporterized rifle) but I do have a hand gun that does have a <u>factory</u> Magazine that does hold more than 10 rounds. I do have a carry permit for the state and I do exercise my right to carry.

I purchased this gun due to the fact that it does hold 16 rounds after having a encounter with a group of individuals in Hartford when returning with my son, who was 12 at the time, from a soccer game in Glastonbury. As it turned out I had my fathers WWII six shot revolver when we were approached. I never pulled the gun out but I did open my coat to show them I was armed and defused the situation. If they had decided to continue the advance I would hate to think what might have happened seeing there were more than six in the group. That is why I went and purchased a higher capacity gun. Now you think no one needs this for their protection and I'm letting you know your wrong on this issue.

I hope you will reconsider this as I plan on keeping my factory magazine for my families protection and I would not want someone I voted for, make me into a criminal just because of a gun or gun component. Before anything is done you must ask how would that have stopped Sandy Hook? I believe mental health should be looked at way before punishing law abiding, legal gun owners.

Thank you, Peter S. Krol Stafford Springs Ct

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